# What's Happening

August 2023

America's Boating Club – St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

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**Past Commander**:
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**Members-at-Large:**
P/C Douglas Townes, SN
Lt Elaine Schroeder, AP
Lt Sue Paul, S

## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

**P/D/C Thomas "Tom" Krupa, AP**

It is with deep regret that we share the passing of Tom Krupa.

Thomas F. Krupa, age 79, of North Ridgeville, passed away at his home peacefully, on Sunday, July 30, 2023. Tom had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past few months, having moved there from St. Petersburg, FL. Tom worked as a banker at Third Federal for many years. He also worked as a property manager at Cavalier Building in Seminole, FL, before retiring in 2016. Tom was a United States Army Veteran and served as a military police officer. He also was P/D/C of the United States Power Squadron D22 in Florida. Tom enjoyed boating, golfing, bowling, and spending time with his family.

We will miss you and your "Smiles" column in the *Force 12*. Our deepest sympathy goes to Sandy. May you find peace in the days ahead.

**Gibeon Bradbury, N-IN** – Gib Bradbury passed away in late July during a stay in the hospital. Watch further posts online and/or in the *Force 12* for more details. Our deepest regrets to the Bradbury family.

# Founders Day General Meeting

**New Officers:**
**Louis McBride, Administrative Officer**
**Michele Kennedy, Secretary**

During the June Founders Day General Meeting, Cdr Hauck informed the members that each had resigned from their previous positions and were nominated and approved by the EXCOM to serve in their new positions. Good luck to you both.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Lt John Tokarz, SN was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his selfless and dedicated support of the SPSPS and the Sea Scouts.

## New Member

New member, Paula Barlis, was sworn in by Cdr Hauck and the other members of the Squadron. Please introduce yourself and welcome Paula when you see her.

## Speaker's Corner

Our speaker for the Founder's Day General Meeting was Rui Farias. Rui serves as the Executive Director of the St. Petersburg History Museum. His presentation was more than informative; it was entertaining as well. For those of you who missed it, it is worth a trip there to see all for yourselves.

# Vessel Safety Checks

Don't forget your vessel safety check for 2023. Schedule yours today. Click on the QR code to the left or call one of the following:

**Jim Greenhalgh** - tbskjim@gmail.com
**Al Lima** - bosbyshelllima@gmail.com
**Bob Zewski** - bobzewski@yahoo.com
**Jeff Eckhart** – jeffeckhart41@gmail.com

If you are interested in becoming an examiner, please give Jeff a call at 727-295-5920.

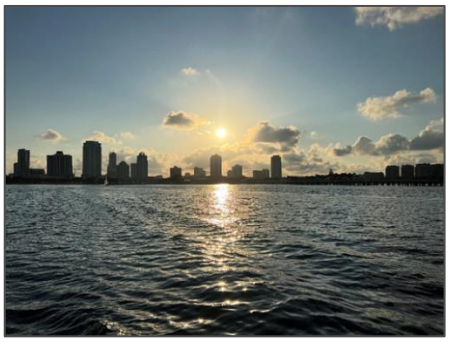
## 2023 DONATION TOTAL THROUGH JULY: $ 951.15

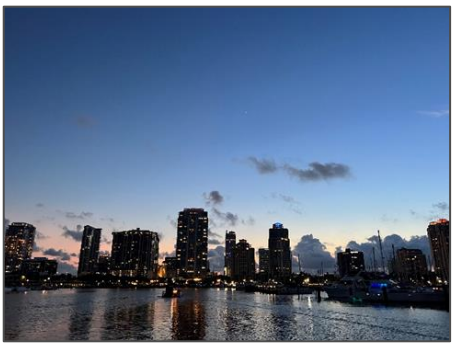
These donations were 1) to help with the printing and distribution of the Force 12 and other electronic communications, 2) memorials for our members who have passed, 3) made by a member to offset expenses, 4) from the 50/50 at our General Meetings, 5) from general donations made to the squadron, or 6) from Life Members in lieu of dues.

# Sunset/Dolphin Cruise

By Lt Dawn Eckhart

Twelve SPSPS members had a beautiful, relaxing cruise that left from the downtown St Pete Municipal marina. Our very own, Vanessa Goodrum, was the captain for the tour of the area out into Tampa Bay, past the Pier and then over to Coffee Pot Bayou. The weather was just perfect and the scenery included numerous different sea birds and a couple of dolphin fins. The homes along the shoreline are gorgeous of course but the sunset was the star of the show for sure. A great outing that could definitely be repeated!





## UPCOMING TRAINING

| | ***Start*** | ***Day*** | ***# of Weeks*** | ***Cost with Book*** *Members/ Non-members* | ***Sharing Book*** *Members/ Non-members* |
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| **ABC COURSE** | | | | | |
| ABC3 | 9 Sep | SAT | 1-day | $60.00 | $30.00 |
| ABC4 | 28 Oct | SAT | 1-day | $60.00 | $30.00 |
| **SEMINARS** | | | | | |
| On-board Emergencies | 20 Sep | WED | 1 | $50.00/$75.00 | $25.00/$35.00 |
| **ADVANCED COURSES** | | | | | |
| Offshore Navigation (JN) | 24 Aug | THU | 13 | $125.00/$150.00 | $50.00/$75.00 |
| Advanced Piloting (AP) | 7 Sep | THU | 10 | $ 60.00/$100.00 | $20.00/$40.00 |
| Boat Handling (S) | 9 Nov | THU | 5 | $ 75.00/$100.00 | $35.00/$50.00 |

* Note: Navigation's additional fee will be added if additional exams or site folders are needed. Plotters = $8.00, Dividers = $12.00

## BOATING EVENT – CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

We had a great time at the Clearwater Yacht Club in July. What a wonderful host Peter Losi and his club are. We had several people come by boat and others come by iron dinghy, but all had a great time, despite the heat. We met by the bar Friday afternoon and continued there through dinner. The next morning, Fran and Al treated us to mimosas and goodies. We spent the afternoon by the pool and then cooled off a bit before we met for dinner at the Yacht Club. What great food, conversation, and entertainment! Some said their goodbyes before breakfast on Sunday; others met for breakfast at the Club. Again, thank you to Peter and Clearwater for hosting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 6 | EXCOM | St. Pete Yacht Club | 1830 | Cdr Fred Hauck |
| September 7 | Lunch Bunch | Portofino's, St. Pete | 1130 | Rebecca McBride |
| September 13 | General Meeting | St. Pete Yacht Club | 1730 | Lt/C Louis McBride |
| September 15-17 | Cruise/Gathering | Bradenton Yacht Club | | Lt/C Bob Cox |

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## FROM THE COMMANDER
### FRED HAUCK, JN

Is everyone enjoying this wonderful hot summer? Michele and I were able to take a break and spend some time in cooler Alaska and Vancouver with some friends from our former marina in Northern Virginia. It was nice to have some cooler temperatures and to get caught up. But all good things had to come to an end and we returned to the warmer temperatures of Florida and a broken air conditioner in August!

Enough of that, though. Several squadron members had a wonderful time on the Sunset Dolphin Cruise with Captain Vanessa in June. Last month, several of us ventured by boat and iron dinghy to Clearwater to meet up with members of the Clearwater Yacht Club. Peter Losi outdid himself as host. We enjoyed gathering by the Tiki Bar for cocktails and dinner on Friday, mimosas and goodies hosted by Fran and Al Saturday morning, an excellent dinner in the newly renovated club house Saturday evening after a relaxing afternoon by the pool, and then a wonderful brunch at the club for those who had a later departure. For the most part, Mother Nature was on our side.

We have our next boating event coming up the15th-17th of September at the Bradenton Yacht Club. Reservations for slip spaces were due by the end of July. So, hopefully, we will see you all there for more fun, dinner, and libations. (Is there a theme here?)

The District 22 Fall Conference is just ahead in October. Information may be found here and will also be sent via email. I hope you can plan to attend. If you would like to be a delegate, please let me know. (Hint: We will need approximately eight delegates)

Don't forget the Lunch Bunch on September 7th, the General Meeting coming up on the 13th of September, and the beach clean-up at Pass-A-Grille Beach on September 16th.

# BRADENTON YACHT CLUB RENDEZVOUS

## September 15-17, 2023

**Join us for a fun relaxing weekend**

The club is located on the Manatee River, Flashing red "14" in Palmetto. The club offers a big pool with Tiki Bar plus inside bar and restaurant. SPSPS, America's Boating Club Cruisers with no membership to any club in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) are considered guests and welcome to attend. In walking distance to the west on Snead Island is the Emerson Point Preserve with multi-trails and boardwalk, observation tower, and view to Terra Ceia Bay and the mouth of Manatee River. BYC Info: https://www.bradentonyachtclub.com/

**Proposed Schedule:**

Friday: Cocktails 5:30 and Dinner 6:30 both at the Tiki Bar, weather permitting.
Saturday: TBD
Sunday: Breakfast on your own, departures on your own.

**Contact:**

**Bob Cox: 813-566-2576 or bob_cox_spsps@yahoo.com**

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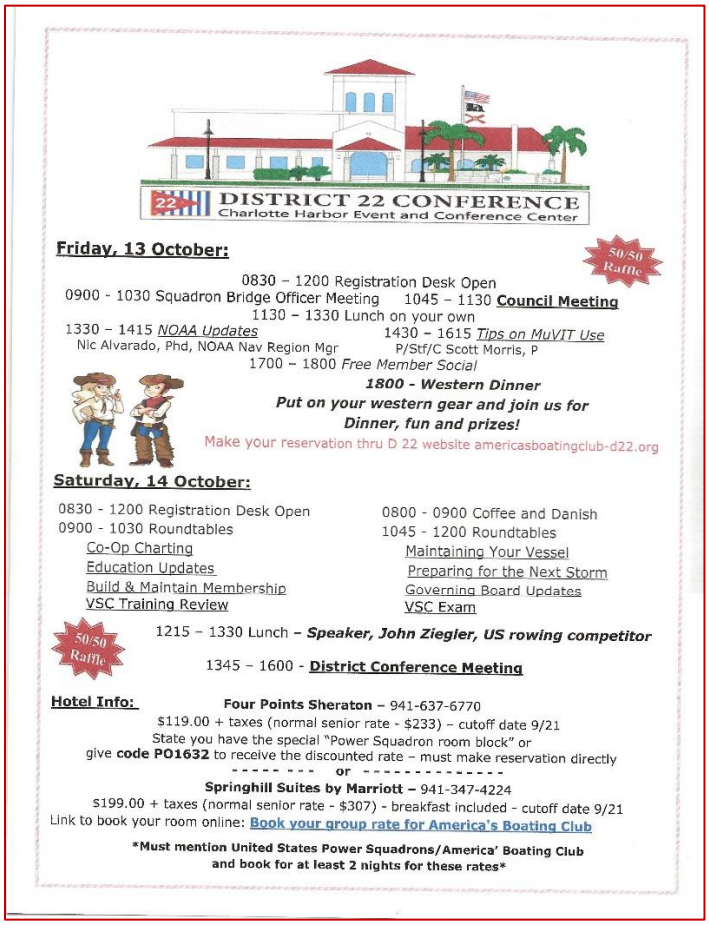

DISTRICT 22 CONFERENCE
Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

**Friday, 13 October:**

50/50 Raffle

0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open
0900 - 1030 Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting 1045 – 1130 **Council Meeting**
1130 – 1330 Lunch on your own
1330 – 1415 *NOAA Updates*
Nic Alvarado, Phd, NOAA Nav Region Mgr
1430 – 1615 *Tips on MuVIT Use*
P/Stf/C Scott Morris, P
1700 – 1800 *Free Member Social*

***1800 - Western Dinner***
***Put on your western gear and join us for Dinner, fun and prizes!***

Make your reservation thru D 22 website americasboatingclub-d22.org

**Saturday, 14 October:**

0830 - 1200 Registration Desk Open
0900 - 1030 Roundtables
Co-Op Charting
Education Updates
Build & Maintain Membership
VSC Training Review

0800 - 0900 Coffee and Danish
1045 - 1200 Roundtables
Maintaining Your Vessel
Preparing for the Next Storm
Governing Board Updates
VSC Exam

50/50 Raffle

1215 – 1330 Lunch – ***Speaker, John Ziegler, US rowing competitor***

1345 – 1600 - **District Conference Meeting**

**Hotel Info:**

**Four Points Sheraton** – 941-637-6770
$119.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - $233) – cutoff date 9/21
State you have the special "Power Squadron room block" or
give **code PO1632** to receive the discounted rate – must make reservation directly

**or**

**Springhill Suites by Marriott** – 941-347-4224
$199.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - $307) - breakfast included - cutoff date 9/21
Link to book your room online: **Book your group rate for America's Boating Club**

***Must mention United States Power Squadrons/America' Boating Club and book for at least 2 nights for these rates***

DISTRICT 22 CONFERENCE
Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

***2023 Fall Conference Meals***

50/50 Raffle

**Friday, 13 October**

***Put on your Western gear and join in the fun!***

*1700 – Free Social 1800 – 50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes 1830 – Dinner Served*

**Western Buffet - $50.00 per person**

Garden Salad, Chicken Enchiladas, Smoked Brisket with BBQ Sauce, Spanish Rice, Mexican Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter.
Iced Tea and Water at your table
Sundae Bar consisting of Vanilla Ice Cream, Hot Fudge Sauce, Caramel Sauce and Whipped Cream

**Saturday, 14 October – Luncheon** – Lunch Served at 1215

***Speaker – John Zeigler, Peace River member***

John was a member of the only two-man team representing the United States in the 3300-statute-mile Trans-Atlantic Rowing race from Tenerife, Canary Islands to Barbados in 2001. He has participated in hundreds of races and competitions in all types of human-powered boats. He built his first of several boats in 1981 and is currently refurbishing his sailboat with plans to sail to the Pacific in early 2024.

**Build Your Own Sandwich Bar - $27.00 per person**
Assorted breads, meats and cheese, Fruit Salad, Cookies
Iced Tea and Water at your table.

**Register for the Conference and Purchase your meals thru the District Website**

**Sign in to the D22 website — americasboatingclub-d22.org —**
**Members Only – Registration/Purchase - then follow the instructions (need your credit card)**

**No Reservations or Cancellations after 30 September 2023, please.**

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

# FEB 2024 EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

**7 days: 11-18 Feb 2024**

**Roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale on the BRAND NEW CELEBRITY ASCENT®**

**Itinerary: San Juan, Tortola, BVI; St Kitts & Nevis**

**ENJOY THE ALWAYS INCLUDED PERKS-DRINKS, WIFI, TIPS**

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**Ocean view from $1671pp**
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**Concierge from $2173pp**

**Price does not include $127.16 pp taxes & port fees. Travel protection & transfers are additional.**

**Feel free to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us as we sail on this fabulous new ship which is still being built! (Sister ship depicted below)**

**Everyone must book through Dawn Eckhart in order to be included in our group and receive the exclusive group benefits. This is the annual fundraiser event for America's Boating Club.**

**Email dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com or call**

**(727) 403-0406 to join our group on this new, exciting ship!**

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